

M I N U T E S

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF THE STATE

OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES

FOR THE YEARS

1807 TO 1818

INCLUSIVE.

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HISTORY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEW YORK

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NOTES CONCERNING THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES.

This Transcript covers the unpublished English Minutes of the Ministerium. The English language became the official language for the Ministerium in 1807.

The transcript follows the original Protocol accurately as to page and line.

Corrections, abbreviations, and interlineations found in the transcript are exactly as in the original Protocol.

The spelling, even when without doubt incorrect, particularly in the case of some names, follows the original Protocol. Names of pastors are sometimes incorrectly spelled, but the correct spelling is usually clearly obvious. An exception to this is the name of the Rev. Frederick G. Mayer. At his ordination, his name is written "Frederick Meyer," (page 48, No. 2), but the correct spelling is clear from page 45 name No. 9, and page 47, item 2). Particular note of this is made because at the same session a Rev. Frederick Meyer, who had been stationed in Canada, was dropped from the roll of members (page 46, item 8), and his name does not again appear in the Minutes. The name "F. Meyer" at the next session (page 49) is Frederick G. Mayer, since he is not listed among the absentees on page 50.

State of New York : ss.
County of Queens :

The Rev. Harry J. Kreider, Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church of Ozone Park, New York, and a member of the Editorial Committee for the Documentary History of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, personally known to me, being duly sworn, states that he personally made the attached transcript of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries, for the years 1807 to 1818 inclusive, from the original Protocol of said Ministerium in the archives of the United Lutheran Synod of New York located at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York; and that said transcript has been carefully compared by himself and by the Rev. Willis Stuart Hinman, Archivist of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, with the original Protocol.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, :

this 14th day of January, 1936. :

Ernest A. Laube
ERNEST A. LAUBE
Notary Public Queens Co. No. 2569 Reg. No. 6228 :
Cert. filed in Kings Co. No. 49, Reg. No. 7237 :
Commission Expires March 30, 1937. :

Harry J. Kreider

State of New York : ss.
County of Richmond :

The Rev. Willis Stuart Hinman, Ph.D., Professor at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, and Archivist of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, personally known to me, being duly sworn, states that he has compared the attached transcript of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries, for the years 1807 to 1818 inclusive, with the original Protocol of said Ministerium in the archives of the United Lutheran Synod of New York located at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, and that said transcript is an accurate copy of the original Protocol.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, :

this 7th day of January, 1936. :

Charlotte G. Collins
G. March 1936

Willis Stuart Hinman

Ralph Williston
New York.

(9 lines, concluding the 1806 meeting.)

No. 16.

1807

The 5th of September 1807. the Ministers, Vicars and Delegates from the different congregations of the evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of Newyork, according to appointment convened in the Town of Schoharie.

In the afternoon the Revrd Mr. Wichterhann from Johnstown held a discourse from

The 6th and 15th Sabbath after Trinity A.M. the Revrd Mr. H. F. Quitmann edified his fellow labourers in the Gospel and a numerous congregation in a sermon from

P.M. the Revrd Mr. Ralph Williston from Newyork in a Sermon from adduced many solid arguments for experimental religion.

Monday the 7th of September at 9 o'clock the Ministerium convened in the Parsonage house of the Revrd Mr. Wackerhagen and after the Session was opened with a suitable prayer by the Revrd Mr. Quitmann, the following members were found present:

Clergymen.

Delegates.

1 The Revrd Mr. H. F. Quitmann A.M.
from Reinbeck.

Zach. Voeller

2 ——— P. J. Grotz, A.M.
Stonewarabia.

John Schetterle

3 Ant. Theo^d Brown
Troytown.

Lorentz Wiederwachs

4 J. C. Wieting
Geiseborg.

Martin Bettinger

5 H. Moeller from
Reinbeck and Durlach
Sharon.

Daniel Weiss

6 Ralph Williston
Newyork.

Lewis Hartmann.

7 G. J. Wichtermann
Johnstown.

Mich: Schwab

8 Augustus Wackerhagen
Schoharie.

Christian Lawyer

9 F. Mayer. Candidate

Georg Schneider from
Germantown.
H. Mink Tarbush
J. Elich. Westcamp
Jac: Frantz from
Cobleskill.

A solemn gloom overspread this Assembly upon account of the decease of the Rev^d J. C. Kunze D.D. and their theological Professor, who had happily presided their religious council in a course of twenty-two years, who had been a Father in the Kingdom of Christ to several of us, and had spent a life from his early youth in ardent zeal and industry for the Gospel Truth in Academies Colleges and churches to his last breath, which happened in Newyork

He now reapeth the sweet fruits of his arduous labours in the peaceful abodes of heaven, and in the smiles of the Archbishop of souls, which is the ample reward of so many frowns and adversities the faithful Minister of the Gospel meets with in this turbulent world.

1. The Revrd. Mr. Grotz proposed that the Revrd. Mr. Frederick H. Quitmann be chosen President of our Lutheran Ministry and Professor of Divinity in the place of the late Revrd. J. C. Kunze. D.D., which met with unanimous consent.
2. proposed by the Revrd. Mr. Wackerhagen and agreed to by unanimous consent, that the Revrd. Mr. Moeller be chosen Secretary.
3. The President's proposal met with approbation that the Revrd. Mr. Wackerhagen remain Treasurer, accordingly he received the following contributions

Mr ^s Mink from Tarbush	----	----	----	----	1 Crown.
Voeller --- Reinbeck					1 Doll ^r .
Schutler--- Stonearabia					3 "
Scheider --- Germantown					1 " 25 Cts.
Elich --- Westcamp					1 " -- "
Bettinger Geisberg					1 " -- "
Schwab Johnstown					1 " -- "
Hartmann Newyork					3 "
Wiederwachs. Grödenbach.					1 " 50.

Mr.^s Moeller. for Reinbeck and Sharon
 C. Lawyer -- Schoharie
 Jac. Frantz -- Cobleskill
 Revrd. Antony Brown. Brunswick
 Abr. Berg -- Schoharie

3 Dollrs.
 1 " -- "
 1 " 50
 1 " 50
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\$21. 85 Cts.

4. To meet a resolution passed in a former Session it was unanimously concluded that the sum of Twenty-seven pounds and sixteen shillings be paid for the printing of a pamphlet containing an account of the nature and management of Hartwigs Institute. The Treasurer received orders accordingly.
5. The Constitution of our Ministerium was read by the Revrd. Mr. Williston.
6. The Ministry received no account from the Revrd. Mr. Wiegant in Canada.
7. The Revrd. Mr. Uhl was excused for his non-appearance.
8. proposed and unanimously consented to, that in consideration of the Revrd. Mr. Frederick Meyer having abruptly left the congregations committed to his care charge in Canada, contrary to the rules of christian decorum, and gave no account for his conduct to the President or Secretary of our Ministry, contrary to the stated rules of this Society, in consideration also, that he had taken the Congregation under the Hellenberg in Guilderland for some months under his care and then left this State for Pennsylvania without that social harmony and concordance with our ministerial rules, which ought to be cherished among the Servants of Christ, he the said Mr. Meyer can no longer be considered as a member of our Ministerium.
9. Resolved by the majority, that the Synod of our church be held annually as heretofore.
10. The President gave notice, that he had advised Mr. Daniel Oakley, the Son in Law of our late worthy President to send the archive, belonging to this Ministerium to the President for the time being.
11. Resolved that a suitable chest be made, to contain the above archive, and that the same be left in the care of the present Treasurer the Revrd. Mr. Wackerhagon.

12. Mr. Hartmann, Deputy from the English Luth. Church in Newyork petitioned in the name of his congregation that the same might be freed from a rule that bore hard upon them, made in a former Session, which obligated the german and English Luth. Churches in Newyork, not to admit members to pass from one Church to the other, without consent of their respective Pastors; thereupon the Synod resolved to rescind the above rule. Concluded also, that a copy of the above resolution be made, to be sent to the above Church in Newyork.
13. Moved and concluded that the Synod adjourn to 3 o'clock P.M. Mr. Moeller concluded with prayer.
14. At 12 o'clock the Synod repaired to Church when the Revrd. Mr. Grotz from Stonearabia delivered a discourse from Acts c:28, 7. ult:

P.M. The Session was oponed with prayer by the Revrd. Mr. Williston.

1. Resolved unanimously, that in future all the proceedings of the Synod shall be written in the English language.
2. That Mr. Frederick Mayor Candidate, be examined by the President in presence of the Synod to morrow morning, and being found qualified to receive full ordination in the Church.
3. That Mr. F. W. Quitmann be examined at the same time and place by the President and if qualified receive License to act as Vicar.
4. Unanimously resolved, that the Revrd. Mr. F. H. Quitmann be appointed Theological Professor to prepare such youths for the holy ministry as may be recommended to his care.
5. That the President be appointed to inquire into the progress of the cause now depending in the Court of Chancery, implicating the interests of the Hartwigs Institution, and receive such full powers, and pursue such measures as may be deemed expedient and conducive to the security of the Property in its due appropriation, according to its original intention, for the education of youth for the Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, agreeable to the last Will of the Testator.

Adjourned to morrow A.M. 9 o'clock.
The Revrd. Mr. Wieting concluded with prayer.

The 8th of September A. M. 9 o'clock, the Synod being met according to adjournment, the President opened with prayer.

1. The President, according to a resolution past, examined the candidates in the original languages from the old and new Testament, in which the candidates opened several passages to satisfaction; being examined also in some material points of Church History, they shewed knowledge therein.
2. The Synod repaired to Church at 12 o'clock in order to ordain Mr. Frederick Meyer for the holy Ministry.
3. The Candidate being placed before the Altar, the President begun the solemnity with ardent prayer after a suitable hymn had been sung, and took the obligatory promises from the candidate: This being done, the President in the name of the Ministry made a very moving and affectionate Address to our young Brother, which address was the more endearing, because it contained the tender effusions not only of a Professor to his pupil but also of a Father by marriage.
4. Next, the candidate stepped in the Altar and received his ordination by the Apostolic order of laying on of hands and hearty prayer by all the Ministers, who gave him the hand of Fellowship in the gospel.
5. This solemn act being finished, the Revrd. Mr. Schafer Reformed Minister of the place, who had honoured the Synod with his presence held a short animating discourse in which he much recommended the christian harmony between the Lutheran and reformed Church.
6. P.M. The young Candidates received their respective Testimonies, the Synod ended their Sessions and stand adjourned to the first Sabbath in September next insuing year at Stonearabia.

Previous to this it should have been noticed, that a solemn gloom overspread this Synod upon account of the decease of the Revrd. John Christoph Kunze. D.D. and Theological Professor of Hartwick's Institute, who happily presided their religious councils in a course of twenty-two years, a father in Christ to many that are now Teachers in ours and other Churches.

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The Synod unanimously chose The Revrd. F. H. Quitmann Professor of Divinity to instruct Students in the principles of our holy religion.

NO. 17.

1809

On the 2d. day of September in the year of our Lord 1809. the Ministers and Delegates of the respective congregations belonging to the evangelical lutheran church in the State of New York assembled in Synod at Rhinebeck.

Ministers present

The Revd. Mr. F. H. Quitman	Prest. of the Ministerium
--- ----- H. Moeller	Secretary -- Pastor of Sharon
Antho Braun	
J. G. Wichteremann	
Uhl	
F. Meyer	
F. W. Geissenhainer	p. of New York
Augustus Wackerhagen	p. of Schohary
R. Williston	p. of the english Cong. at New York
William Quitman.	Candidate.

Delegates present

George Ring	
Peter Lescher	
H. Treber	
Ge. Race	
Christoph Meyer	
Christian Croo	
Zacharias Feller	
Jacob Ketterer	} from New York
Peter Ritter	
Peter Shafer	
Christian	
Philipp Bonenstiel	from Woodstock
John Maur	--- WestCamp
Andrew Bortels	----- Gormantown, New Jersey.

Ministers absent

The Revd. Mr. Grotz.
Mr. Philipp Meyer
Mr. John Chr.^r Wieting

The first session was opened with prayer by the Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman.

The Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman was chosen President.
The Rvd. F. W. Geisenheimer was chosen Secretary.
The Rvd. Aug^{sts} Wackerhagen was re-elected Treasurer.

The Treasurer laid before the Synod his accounts of the treasury, which were examined by a Committee & approved.

The Rvd. President laid before the Synod a Manuscript of his own composition on the history of the Luth. Church in this State & the causes of its small increase, which was read, upon which it was

1. Resolved, that the thanks of the Meeting be offered to the President for the above excellent composition by the Rvd. Augustus Wackerhagen.

A letter was read from the Congregation at New Germantown, State of New Jersey, stating, that they had given a Call to the Rvd. Ernest Lewis Haselius a Candidate for the Ministry & praying, that the said Mr. Haselius be ordained & received as a member of this Synod, in consequence of which it was resolved

2. Resolved, that the Rvd. E. L. Haselius be duly examined this afternoon.

A letter from the Congreg. at Woodstock being read it was thereupon

3. Resolved, that the Rvd. Presidt. be requested to provide a suitable preacher for the Congregation as soon as possible.

On motion it was

4. Resolved, that it shall in future be considered an indispensable rule, that in conformity to the present constitution Ch.V. §18. each Minister at the annual Meeting either bring or send in an accurate account of the state of his respective Congregations.
5. Resolved, that the Constitution of this Ministerium be amended or an entirely new one adopted, & that the Rvd. Presidt., the Rvd. F. W. Geisenheimer & the Rvd. Ralph Williston be a Committee to draw up a new Constitution & to present it at the next Synod.
6. Resolved, that a new Catechism in the Engl. lang. adapted to the wants of the rising generation be composed & introduced, & that the Rvd. F. W. Geisenheimer, Aug. Wackerhagen & Ralph Williston be a Committee to compose such a Catechism, to be subjected to the examination of the next Synod.
7. Resolved, that the Synod adjourn untill afternoon.

At 12 o'clock divine service was kept in St. Peter's, where the Rvd. Mr. Geisenheimer preached on I Thess. 5,23.

At 3 o'clock p.m. the Synod assembled in the Parsonage according to previous appointment. The session being commenced with prayer the Presidt. presented some letters addressed to him from Peter Ahl, which being read it was

8. Resolved, that the letters from P. Ahl shall not be answered.

The Ministerium proceeded to examine E. L. Hazelius according to Resol. 2, & after having received satisfactory proofs of his qualifications publicly

9. Resolved, that E. L. Hazelius be / ordained & received as a full member of this Synod on the following day.

After which the Meeting adjourned till the next day.

On tuesday at 9 o'clock a.m. the Synod met & was opened with prayer.

Mr. P. Ritter a Delegate from Zion Church, Newyork, called the attention of the assembly to the necessity of providing for the assistance of widows & orphans of Ministers belonging to this Ministerium, & moved, that a Society be erected for that important purpose.

10. Resolved, that the Rvd. Mrss. Geisenheimer & Williston & Mrss. P. Ritter & Jacob Kettner be a Committee to draw a plan on the subject of establishing a Society for the assistance of widows & orphans of Ministers, members of this Ministerium, which they shall send to the President before the 20th of October next.

11. Resolved, that the President, if he approve of the plan, shall cause it to be printed in the Engl. & Germ. lang. & copies to be sent to the resp. members of this Ministerium, whose duty it shall be to collect subscribers to the intended Society for said purpose.

12. Resolved, that the Presidt. be empowered, to appoint on any day, he shall think proper a meeting of such subscribers or their delegates, in order to elect officers for said Society.

13. Upon a motion of the Rvd. R. Williston & Rvd. J.G.F. Uhl / that the Presidt. be requested to furnish a copy of his dissertation on the history of the Luth. Church in this State, & also a copy of the sermon he delivered on the sunday preceeding the sessions of this Synod, for publication, & that the Rvd. F. W. Geisenheimer be also requested to furnish a copy for publication of the sermon, he delivered on the first day of the sessions on I Thess. 5,23., & that these sermons together with the dissertation just mentioned be printed in the Germ. & Engl. languages.

14. Resolved, that the house adjourn & that the next Meeting be held in the City of Newyork on the 1st. sund. after Trinity' in the year 1810.

Whereupon the sessions were closed with prayer.

On account of indisposition of some members of the Ministerium & other causes why others could not appear, the Presidt. & Secretary thought proper & communicated to the different Ministers, to postpone the Synod to the year 1811, & to appoint Wurtemberg as the place where & the 1st sunday in September as the time when it should be held.

1811

18TH SYNOD. 1811.

On the 2d. day of Sept^r in the year of our Lord 1811 the Ministers & Delegates of the respect. Congregg. belonging to the Luth. Ministerium of the State of Newyork assembled in the Town of Wurtemberg Dutchess Co., where at 9 o'clock a.m. the Session was opened in the Church with prayer by the Secretary.

the foll. Members of the Ministerium were present: viz

Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman Presidt.
 --- F. W. Geissenheimer Secry.
 --- Aug. Wackerhagen Treasr.
 --- Ph. F. Mayer
 --- Fr. G. Mayor
 --- E. L. Haselius
 --- P. W. Domeier

absent

--- J. G. Fr. Uhl
 --- J. C. Wieting
 --- A. Th. Braun
 --- Gunther Wlogand
 --- H. Moollor

Delogates present.

G. Armlarius, Newyork
 G. Ring, Rhinebock
 Wm. Dietrich, Wurtemberg
 Jos. Ludwig, Germantown Columbia Co.
 Veit Miller & / Livingston
 G. Row
 Wm. Eumerich, Westcamp
 Andr. Lauks, Schoharie
 Jacobus Maurer, Kobleskill
 Jacob Kleins, Gormantown, New Jersey.

The Minutes of the last session were read & approved.

On motion of Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer

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On motion of Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer

1. Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Officers of

the Ministerium for their services rendered in the 2 last years, & that the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer be requested to offer them the same.

Mr. Emmerich from the Westcamp prayed in the name of his Congregation to be provided with a Minister.

The Treasurer having laid his accounts before the Synod, the Rvd. Mrs. Geissonhoimer & Fr. G. Mayer & Mr. G. Armlarius were appointed a Committee to examine the same.

The Presidt. informed the Synod, that his son, Wm. Quitman a licensed Candidate of this Ministerium having ^{for various reasons} changed his profession of divinity for other studies, returned his licence to the Synod, & was therefore no longer to be considered as a Candidate of the Ministerium.

2. Resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given in writing to the said Mr. Wm. Quitman, for the services, he had hitherto rendered the Church.

The Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen reported, that accord. to a former commission given him, he had composed in writing a plan for a new Constitution.

3. Resolved, that the Rvd. Fr. G. Mayer & P. W. Domeier be a Committee to examine the same.

4. Resolved, that, as the Rvd. A. Th. Braun has reprinted the extant Catechism, of which a considerable number lie unsold on his hands, the Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen, Fr. G. Mayer & P. W. Domeier be a Committee to purchase 500 Copies of said Catechism of the Rvd. Mr. Braun & pay the same from the Ministerial treasury, & that the Secretary write to the Rvd. A. Th. Braun on the subject.

5. Resolved, that 1000 copies of the Sermons delivered by the Rvd. Presidt. & by the Rvd. Secretary be printed.

Mr. Wm. Starman from Newyork presenting himself to the Synod for examination, it was

6. Resolved, that the request of Mr. Wm. Starman to be examined by the Synod be granted.

Mr. Wm. Starman upon due examination being found qualified to preach the Gospol, it was

7. Resolved, that he be licensed a Candidate of this Ministerium, & continue under the inspection of the Rvd. F. W. Geissonheimer to perfect himself in those necessary branches of the study of Divinity, Exegesis & Church history.

8. Resolved, that the house adjourn till afternoon.
the session was closed with prayer by Rvd. Mr. Domeier.

At 12 o'clock the Congregation having assembled in the church, Mr. Starman preached on Acts 16, 30.31.

In the afternoon the session of the Synod was opened in ^{the} church with prayer.

The committee reported upon the treasurer's accounts, which were approved.

On motion of Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer

9. Resolved, that a new Hymnbook & Liturgy in the English language be introduced in the Luth. churches of this State & others belonging to this Ministerium, & that the Rvd. Presidt., F. W. Geissenheimer & Ph. F. Mayer be a Committee to collect it & cause it to be printed.
10. Resolved, that a new Hymnbook & Liturgy in the German language be prepared, & that the Rvd. Presidt., Secretary & Aug. Wackerhagen be a Committee for that purpose.
11. Resolved, that the Manuscript of a new Catechism composed by the Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen be examined & reported upon in the next Synod by a Committee consisting of Rvd. Fr. G. Mayer & P. W. Domeier.

The plan of a new Ministerial Constitution drafted by the Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen was read.

On motion of Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer

12. Resolved that when Mr. Goodman, Philada., should accord. to proposals issued, print a likeness of Dr. Martin Luther, this Ministerium will patronize the work.
13. Resolved, that the next Synod be held at Kobleskill on the 1st Lord's day of September 1812.
14. Resolved, that the Meeting adjourn, upon which the session was closed with prayer by the Rvd. Presidt.

The Synod appointed to be held at Kobleskill on the 1st. sunday of Sept^{br}. 1812 being on account of the war & for other causes deemed inexpedient, it was postponed & left to the discretion of the Rvd. President to convoke the Ministerium to another place & at an other time, which he might deem more expedient.

A Ministerial Meeting being appointed by the Rvd. Presidt. & convoked by the Secretary p.t., the Ministers & Deputies from their respect. Congregg. assembled accord. to appointment at the Luth. Church in the Town of Guilderland, Albany Co. on the 1st Sunday of Sept^r 1813. where the foll. Clergymen were present, viz:

the Rvd. President Fr.H. Quitman, DD. Rhinebeck
 --- --- H. Moeller, Sharon & New Rhinebeck
 --- --- Aug. Wackerhagen, Schoharie & Kobleskill
 --- --- Fr. G. Mayer, Albany
 --- --- P. W. Domeier, Stonarabia

the Rvd. Mrss. Ph. F. Mayer, Philada.,)
 F.W. Goissonheimer, Newyork) were duly excused for
 E.L. Hazelius, Germantown N.J.) non-attendance.
 & J. C. Wieting, Mindon)

the Rvd. A. Th. Braun, Brunswick & Greenbush had departed this life in the month of March 1813.

The Rvd. L. Morkel a full licensed Candidate of the Luth. Ministerium of the St. of Pennsylvania, residing at Genova, Onondaga Co., presented himself to the Synod & was with unanimous consent received as a member of this Ministerium.

Delegatos.

John Weaver / from Guilderland
 Peter Livingston /
 Henry Shop Esqr. -- Rhinebeck
 Peter P. Treber -- Wurttemberg
 Wm. Ottman -- New Rhinebeck
 Nicholas Sommer -- Sharon
 Christopher Munk, Albany
 Christian Lawyer, Schoharie
 David Shafer jr., Kobleskill
 Matthias Youngmans -- Greenbush
 Samuel Leib -- Sandlake
 George Fake -- Schaghticoke.

After the opening of the 1st session at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock a.m. with prayer the Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen was appointed Secretary pr. temp., by the Rvd. President, (A) the preparatory business being transacted, it was

1. Resolved, that this Ministerium be divided into the Eastern & Western Districts, according to the Paper marked A. 19th Synod.

2. Resolved, that the President now in office be appointed & hereafter honoured with the title of Senior of the Lutheran Church in the St. of Newyork.

3. Resolved, that any Member of this Ministerium, who at any of the either general or district meetings offers a resolution for the concurrence of the House, shall present the same in writing subscribed by himself in order to facilitate & expedite the business of the Synod.
4. Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Presidt. for the sermon preached on Sunday & that the Rvd. H. Moeller be a Committee to do the same.
5. Resolved, that every Clergyman, who is a Member of this Ministerium, shall consider it his duty, to make a collection in his Congregation or Congregations in church once a year, to assist in defraying expenses incurred by the Synod, & that Misc collections, which shall be paid into the hands of the Secretary of the District, shall be considered preferable to the mode of offering donations to the treasury, which often have to come from the private purses of the Clergy or the Delegates.
6. Resolved, that the Rvd. L. Morkel of Geneva, a Candidate fully licensed by the Luth. Synod of the St. of Pennsylvania, be received as a Member of this Ministerium, & that he receive a Certificate thereof.
7. Resolved that, for as much as the case of the proposed Candidate, Mr. John Bachman is a matter, which concerns the Clergy in particular & requires great delicacy, the Delegates & other laymen present absent themselves during the deliberations on that subject.---After mature deliberation it was
8. Resolved, that Mr. John Bachman, who had hitherto simple license to preach, receive now full license in the different Congregations, which have applied to this Synod for that purpose, & expressed their desire of seeing him engaged in the work of the Ministry among them & with that intention have given him a call, & that the said John Bachman be beholden to present his license for renewal every year to the Meeting of that District, to which the Congregations, which he serves, belong.
9. Resolved, that the Committee appointed at the Meeting of the Ministerium in the Town of Wurttemberg 1811. for the collection & composition of a new Hymnbook & Liturgy in the Engl. lang. remain the same.
10. Resolved, that the Senior of this Ministerium be requested to write a preface to the new Hymnbook & Liturgy to be composed by the Standing Committee & to subscribe the said preface with his name recommending it in behalf of this Ministerium to the different Luth. Congreg. in the St. of Newyork & other Luth. Congreg. in connection with this Ministerium.
11. Resolved that every Minister of this Minister. be requested, to ascertain in his respect. Congreg., how many copies of the new Hymnb. & Liturgy to be published may be wanted in the same, & to give timely information thereof to the standing Committee.
12. Resolved, that every Candidate licensed by one of the Inspectors shall pay into the hands of the Secretary of the District the sum of three

Dollars for his letters of licence, & for every Certificate of ordination the sum of five Dollars, both sums to be handed by the Secretary to the Treasurer of the general Synod at the next general meeting.

13. Resolved, that all letters of Licence & all Certificates of Ordination shall be written on parchment, & that the Senior be a Committee to draft such Letters & Certificates with a suitable device.

14. Resolved, that a printed Certificate of Marriage shall be given by each Clergyman of this Synod to persons united in matrimony by him, & that each such Clergyman shall pay his respective proportion of cash into the hands of the Treasurer accord. to the number of such Certificates he may receive & that the following be a sample of such Certificate, viz:

"This is to certify, that on day of in the year of our Lord 18 AB & YZ were joined in marriage before me the subscriber, having previously declared themselves free respectively from prior engagements or other lawful impediments; in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this
day of A.D. 18

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Pastor of NN.

15. Resolved, that the Rvd. Augustus Wackerhagen be a Committee to superintend the printing of 1000 copies of such Certificate of matrimony.

16. Resolved that the petition of Frederick Gerner praying to be licensed as a Candidate of the Ministry & to be received as a member of this Synod shall not be granted.

17. Resolved, that the Rvd. H. Moeller be requested to state by letters to the Rvd. J. C. Wieting the principal points of the transactions with Frederick Gerner, & the refusal given to the petition of the same.

18. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to frame a new Constitution of the Luth. Ministerium of this State, having in view the division of the said Ministerium into two separate Districts according to Resolution No. 1 of this Synod, & that the said Committee shall consist of the Rvd. Senior & the Rvd. Mrs. Geissonhoimer & Fr. G. Mayer, & that the said Committee shall superintend the printing of the said Constitution at the expence of the treasury of this Ministerium, as soon as the said Constitution shall be approved by the individual Clergymen of this Ministerium.

19. Resolved, that in the publication of a new Catechism in the English language the following rules shall be observed, viz:

1. The Ten Commandments shall be given in the same order, as is found in the books of Moses, & shall follow the Articles of Faith.

2. the article of the keys of the Kingdom of heaven shall be expunged.
 3. the five Parts of the Catechism shall be printed without the explanations.
 4. the Rvd. Senior shall be requested to write a Preface to the Catechism explanatory of the reasons of the above alterations.
20. Resolved that at the administration of the Eucharist the Bread & the Calice shall be given into the hands of the Communicants.
 21. Resolved, that the Rvd. Senior be requested, to furnish materials & to have a written petition addressed to the Legislature of this State relating to the situation of the Estate of the Rvd. Mr. Hartwick deceased & praying their assistance in said Estate.
 22. Resolved, that the first general Meeting of this Synod shall be held in the Town of Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co. in the year 1816 on the first sunday in September.
 23. Resolved that the Ministerium close their Sessions for this time.

After the above Resolutions were all carried, the Rvd. Senior closed the Meeting with prayer at 12 o'clock at noon on the 5th of October. After that divine service was performed in the Engl. language, & the Candidate Mr. John Bachman delivered a discourse on Rom. 1, 16.

On the saturday preceeding the Ministerial Sessions divine service was performed in the Germ. language, in which the Rvd. H. Moeller preached a discourse preparatory to the administration of the Eucharist on the following day.

On the sunday preceeding the Sessions of the Ministerium the Eucharist was administered to the Congregation by the Rvd. Senior assisted by the Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen; a sermon was preached in the forenoon in the Germ. language by the Rvd. Senior on the general & particular causes of unbelief, text Is. 53, 1. In the afternoon the Rvd. Senior preached in the Low dutch language on the obligations of the Christian to persevere in faith & godliness to the end, text Revel. 2, 10.

At the Ministerial Meeting of the Lutheran Churches of the State of Newyork convened in the Town of Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., on Monday September 4, 1815, the following Members were present, viz:

the Rvd. Dr. Fr. H. Quitman, Predt.

--- Augustus Wackerhagen, Secrty.

--- Fr. G. Mayer

--- John Bachman

--- John G. F. Uhl

--- Henry Moeller

--- John C. Wieting

--- George Wichterhan

--- E. L. Hazelius

--- Peter W. Domeier

--- Ph. F. Mayer

Licentiates

Rvd. Lot Merkel.

--- William A. Teal

the Rvd. Wm. Starman excused himself in writing for non attendance.

Deputies

Mr. Leonard Fisher, Newyork

-- George Countryman, Minden

-- Christopher Frelick, Ernestown, Canada

-- Jacob Leip, Churchtown

-- Andrew Kunse, Livingston

-- Nicholas Summer, Sharon

-- Jb. Kern, Germantown Jersey.

The Rvd. Augustus Wackerhagen was chosen Secretary of the Synod, & the Rvd. Fr. G. Mayer Treasurer.

Resolutions.

1. Resolved that a Committee be chosen to investigate into & decide upon the accusation of the Rvd. J. C. Wieting brought forward by ^a part of his Congregation at Minden, & that the same Committee examine the Treasurer's accounts.
2. Resolved that the Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman, the Rvd. J. G. F. Uhl & Mr. Leonard Fisher be that Committee.
3. Resolved that the division of the Synod in two separate Districts be repealed.
4. Resolved that the Rvd. Johannes Molther be received as a member of this Synod, & receive the right hand of fellowship.
5. Resolved that the two Licentiates Mr. G. F. Shafer & Mr. L. Merkel be accepted for examination, & that the Rvd. E.L. Hazelius & Aug. Wackerhagen under the direction of the Rvd. President be the Examinators.
6. Resolved that the Rvd. President & the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer receive the thanks of the Synod for their excellent sermons delivered on

the Sunday preceeding the sittings of the Synod, & that the Rvd. E. L. Hazelius be the organ of the Synod in presenting them.

7. Resolved that Wm. A. Teal & Wm. M' Carty be examined & fully licensed as Candidates, & that the Rvd. President, together with the Rvd. H. Moeller & Fr. G. Mayer be the Committee to examine them.
 8. Resolved that Frederick Garner's Letters & other Papers be thrown under the table.
 9. Resolved that the Report of the Committee for the Hymnbook & Liturgy in the Engl. language printed by G. & D. Billmeier, Philadelphia, be accepted.
 10. Resolved that the Rvd. President receive the thanks of the Synod for the generous sacrifice of \$50 for every new edition of the Engl. Catechism, for the benefit of the Ministerial Treasury.
 11. Resolved, that in case the Congregg. of New Germantown, German-Valley & Spruce-Run should succeed to get another Minister in the place of the Rvd. E. L. Hazelius, that Gentleman, if he be a Candidate, be ordained in the interim by the Rvd. President & two other Ministers of his choice.
 12. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Papers of Dr. Knauff sent to this Synod concerning the Hartwick Estate, & report thereon, & that the Rvd. President & E. L. Hazelius be the Committee.
 13. Resolved that it be left to the direction of the Rvd. President, to send Candidates or other Ministers to preach & administer the Sacraments in the former Congregg. of the Rvd. J. Bachman.
- The meeting adjourned untill 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
The sitting in the afternoon was opened with prayer by the Rvd. Fr. G. Mayer.
- The Rvd. J. Bachman produced letters from his Congregation at Charlestown expressing their approbation of him as their Minister, & praying, that he might remain a Member of this Synod.
14. Resolved that this Synod appoint a Commissioner to attend upon the meetings of the Lutheran Synod of the State of Pennsylvania & present to that Body a copy of our new English Hymnbook & of our new Engl. Catechism.
 15. Resolved that the Rvd. President be that Commissioner, & in case of his inability on account of sickness or the like the Rvd. F.C. Shafer supply his place.
 16. Resolved that an extract from the Minutes of this Synod & a copy of the Engl. Hymnbook & Catechism be sent with the Rvd. J. Bachman to the Lutheran Synod in the State of South Carolina & invite them to a reciprocity of correspondence.
 17. Resolved that the Lutheran Synods of Pennsylvania & S. Caroline be invited by the Commissioner mentioned Resolutions 14&15 to join our Synod in the celebration of a Jubilee of the Reformation in the year 1817., & for that purpose appoint the same day with us, viz: ^xOctober 31st.
^xThe Sunday nearest to

18. Resolved that letters of friendship & thanks for their liberal contribution be returned with the Rvd. J. Bachman to his Congregation at Charlestown.
19. Resolved that a Committee be appointed to compose a new Constitution for this Synod to be finished by the time of the next Meeting, then to be laid before this Synod, & if adopted, to be printed forthwith, & that the Rvd. Presidt. & Ph. F. Mayer & Aug. Wackerhagen be that Committee.
20. Resolved that a Ministerial Meeting be held at 9 o'clock to morrow morning at the Parsonage to hear & to decide upon the Report of the Committee for the investigation of the difference between the Rvd. J. C. Wieting & part of his Congregation at Minden.
21. Resolved that a letter be written by the Secretary to the Congregg. at New Gormantown, German valley & Spruce run assuring them, that the Synod will use their endeavours to supply them with Ministers, till one be settled among them.
22. Resolved that Clergyman belonging to this Synod entering upon a new Call shall be introduced to their new Congregg. by at least one of their brethren, who may live nearest to the spot.
23. Resolved that this Meeting adjourn till to morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Ministerial Meeting at the Parsonage, tuesday 9 o'clock a.m.

24. Resolved, that the two Candidates, Wm. A. Teal & Wm. M'Carty be licensed to perform all ministerial functions. s.Res.7.
25. Resolved that Mrss. L. Merkel & F. G. Shafer receive ordination. s.Res.5.
26. Resolved that the Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts be accepted. Res.1.
27. Resolved that the Rvd. Aug. Wackerhagen, late Treasurer, receive the thanks of the Synod for his faithfulness in that office.
28. Resolved that the Report of the Committee on the affair between the Rvd. J. C. Wieting & part of his Congreg. at Minden be received by the Synod.
29. Resolved that a letter be written by the Secretary to Isano Rikert, John Hoke & George Lintner^{Jr}, Minden, expressing the displeasure of the Synod at the improper stile of their letter concerning the imputations against the Rvd. J. C. Wieting.

Full Synod afternoon 3 o'clock.

The Report of the Committee on the offers of Dr. Knauff being heard, it was

30. Resolved, that the offers of Dr. Knauff with regard to the Hartwick Estate & Academy be accepted by the Synod.

An Election of Trustees for Hartwick Academy being duly held by Ballot, the following Gentlemen were elected, viz:

Of the Clergy: the Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman DD., Fr. G. Mayer, H. Moeller & Aug. Wackerhagen.

Of the Laity: Mrss. Wm. F. Quitman MD., Daniel Simmons Esqr, Leon-

ard Fisher & the hon. Wm. C. Bouck;--

The choice of 4 other Trustees to be taken from among the inhabitants of the Town of Hartwick, was left to Dr. Knauff.

31. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to treat with Dr. Knauff with regard to the Hartwick Estate & Academy till the Trustees be duly incorporated, & that the Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman, Fr.G. Mayer & Aug. Wackerhagen be that Committee.
32. Resolved that the next Meeting of the Synod be held at the City of Newyork on the first sunday of September 1816.
33. Resolved that the Synod adjourn till the ensuing year.
The Session was closed with prayer by the Rvd. President.

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21ST SYNOD 1816.

On the first monday of Sept^r 1816 the Luth. Ministerium of the St. of Newyork met in Synod in the Town of Sand-lake, Renselaer Co., in the old Church. Present were:

Ministers

The Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman DD. Presdt.
 --- Aug. Wackerhagen, Secrty.
 --- Fr. G. Mayer, Treasr.
 --- H. Moeller
 --- J. G. F. Uhl
 --- Ph. F. Mayer
 --- J. Chr. Wieting
 --- E. L. Hazelius
 --- Fr. Chr. Shafer
 --- J. Molther
 --- Wm. M'Carty, Cand.

Deputies

Moh. Allendorf, Rhinebeck
 Zacharia Ecker, Wurtemberg
 J. B. Dillenbach, Minden
 Christoph Frelich, Ernestown, Can.
 Jb. Michael, Claverack
 Fr. Crounse, Guilderland
 Jb. Kleine, Germantown, N.Jersey
 Wm. C. Bouck, Schoharie
 Leonard Fisher, Newyork

At 9 o'clock the Rvd. President opened the Session with prayer, after which the Synod proceeded to the election of Officers by Ballot.

Aug. Wackerhagen was chosen Secretary &

Fr. G. Mayer Treasurer, upon which motion being made & seconded, it was

1. Resolved, that Rvd. P. W. Domeier's excuse of his non attendance be this time accepted, but that he be informed by the Secretary, that it is according to our Constitution inadmissible. See No.1.

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2. Resolved, that the excuse of the Rvd. L. Merkel be accepted. No.2.
 3. --- --- ---- --- -- --- Wm. Teal, Cand., be accepted.
 4. --- -- Mr. F. G. Shafer, printer at Baltimore, be encouraged by this Synod to print the new Hymnbook in the Germ. lang.,^a prospectus of which had been received by the Synod. No.5. & that they will use their endeavours to introduce it into their respective Germ. Congregations.
 5. ---- that the Secretary in a Letter to Mr. Shafer express the sense of this Synod on that subject & send him a copy of the Resolution.
 6. --- that the letters No.7, from the Congregg. of New Rhinebeck & Sharon be accepted.
 7. -- that the report of the Rvd. Fr. Chr. Shafer concerning his mission to the Luth. Synod of the St. of Pennsylv. in the month of July be accepted.
 8. -- that the Jubilee of the Reformation be celebrated by the members of this Ministerium on the sunday next to the 31st of October 1817.
 9. -- that the travelling expenses to & from Philada. & the amount for a copy of an Engl. Catechism be repaid from the Ministerial Treasury to the Rvd. F. Chr. Shafer.
- Constitution
10. -- that the Report of the Committee upon the new Engl.--Hymn-
to be adopted for this Ministerium
~~book-&-liturgy~~/be-accepted-& discussed.
 11. -- that in the beginning to the word "Ministers" be added "& Representatives now present."
 12. -- that in the Chapter concerning the Treasurer §.5. the words
"if the Treasurer remove to a distant State or country or be removed by death, the President shall appoint another Minister to hold this office untill the next general Meeting of the Ministerium"
be inserted.
 13. -- that the article concerning the right of voting of a Minister, who has no Congregation in charge, shall stand.
 14. -- that in the section concerning Candidates the words "a year's previous notice" be changed for the words "timely notice."
 15. -- that the meeting adjourn till 3 o'clock p.m.
- At 3 o'clock the session was opened with prayer by the Rvd. Fr. Chr. Shafer. The discussion of the Constitution was continued & upon motion
16. Resolved, that in the section concerning ordination the word "Secretary" be erased.
 17. --- that in the last article to the word "Commissioner" be added the word "Delegate."
 18. --- that the new Constitution after the above amendments be adopted.

19. that the new Constitution thus amended & modified be subscribed by all the Ministers & Laydelegates present.
20. -- that the new Constitution to the number of 250 copies be printed at Philada. with all possible expedition under the superintendence of the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer.
21. --- that a Committee be appointed to examine the Candidates Wm. M'Carty & David Hendricks, & that the Rvd. H. Moeller & E. L. Hazelius be that Committee.
21. --- that a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, & that Mr. L. Fisher & ~~Mr. J. Meissner~~ ^{Wm. C. Bouck} be that Committee.
22. --- that the Meeting adjourn till 9 o'clock next morning.

Tuesday morning the Session commenced with prayer by the Rvd. Fr. G. Mayer.

The Committee reported upon the Treasurer's accounts upon which it was

23. Resolved that their report be accepted. (the sum in the Treasury consisted of \$309.75.
 24. --- that a Committee be appointed to investigate & report upon the petition of a part of the Ccngreg. of Sandlake presented by Mr. Sebast. Wiedewax, under No. 8., & that the Rvd. H. Moeller & Fr. G. Mayer, & Mrss. Jb. Kleine, Wm. C. Bouck & L. Fisher be that Committee.
- The Rvd. E. L. Hazelius reported upon the present state of Hartwick Academy.
25. Resolved, that the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer for the trouble & labcur & expense bestowed in the compilation & composition of the new Hymnbook & Liturgy be allowed the sum of \$200, to be paid from the premium allowed by the printers.
 26. --- that the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer be appointed to receive the premiums allowed by the printers Mrss. G. & D. Billmeier at Philada. for the original copy & upon all subsequent editions of the new Hymnb. & Liturgy, & transmit them to the Treasurer of this Synod.
 27. --- that the sum of \$25 from the ministerial treasury be appropriated for the relief of Mr. Pfeiffer, formerly Minister of the Lutheran church at Rhinebeck, & be given into the hands of the Rvd. President to deliver the same to the said Mr. Pfeiffer & take a receipt for that sum.
 28. The Committee reported on the examination of the Candidate Wm. M'Carty, & of David Hendricks hitherto a student, upon which

28. Resolved, that Wm. M'Carty be ordained a Minister, & that David Hendricks be licensed a Candidate.

29. --- that the Meeting adjourn till 12 o'clock at noon.

At 10 o'clock a.m. divine service was performed in the Engl. lang., at which Mr. Wm. M'Carty delivered a discourse on Luke 11, 28. after which he was ordained by the Rvd. Presidt., the Rvd. H. Moeller & Aug. Wackerhagen assisting, & the Eucharist was celebrated, in which all the Ministers & the Candidate present partook.

After the close of the divine service the session recommenced, when the Committee reported on the petition handed in by Sebastian Weatherwax, upon which

30. Resolved, that the report of the Committee be accepted.

31. --- that the Rvd. Presidt. be requested to address the two contending parties of the Congreg. at Sandlake in writing exhorting them to return to brotherly unity, & to send them a copy of the resolution.

32. --- that the Meeting adjourn & leave it to the Rvd. Presidt. to appoint the time & place of the next meeting of the Synod.

After which the Meeting was closed with prayer by the Rvd.

The Rvd. P. W. Domeier of Stonarabia under date Feby 21. 1817. informed the Rvd. Presidt. & Secretary, that the Rvd. Christopher Wioting, Minister of the Luth. church at Minden had departed this life on the 17th of Feby. 1817.

22D. SYNOD 1817.

On the 8th of Sept^r. 1817 the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of Newyork convened in Synod in Christ's church in the Town of Claverack, Columbia Co., where the following Clergymen were present:

Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman DD President
 --- Aug. Wackerhagen Secretary
 --- Fr. G. Mayer Treasurer
 --- John Molther
 --- Lot Merkel
 --- John Bachman
 --- E. L. Hazelius
 --- J. G. F. Uhl
 --- Wm. M'Carty
 --- Joseph Wichterman
 Wm. A. Teal
 D. Hendricks / Candidates)

Deputies

G. Elsevir of Rhinebeck & Wirtemberg
 H. J. Anderson, Churchtown
 Andr. Decker, Livingston's Manor

The session was opened with prayer by the President.

The Rvd. P. W. Domeier of Stonarabia excused himself by letter for non attendance on acct. of indisposition.

Rvd. Mrrs. Ph. F. Mayer of Philada. & G. C. Shafer, Newyork excused by letters their non attendance being prevented by family circumstances. After the reading of these letters, ^{& of the Minutes of the preceding Synod} upon motion it was

1. Resolved, that the Minutes be accepted.

The minist^l Treasury having received very few contributions for want of Deputies present, (absent Ministers to admonish their

2. Res., that the Secretary be charged to write to the / Congreg. not represented in this Synod, & admonish them, to send in their contributions to the ministerial treasury.

3. Res., that the Candidate, David Hendricks, who presents himself for ordination, after examination be ordained, provided the report to be brought in by the examiners be accepted by the Synod.

4. Resolved, that 2 of the Clergymen present be appointed by the President ^{& Committee} to have a theological conversation with the Candidate previous to his ordination & report to the Synod, & that the Rvd. Mrss. Molther & Hazelius be that Committee.
5. ---that the report of the Committee upon the treasurer's accounts be accepted.
6. --- that the respective members of this Ministerium be requested to make for the present year a small collection in their respective Congregg. for the support of Mr. Pfeiffer formerly a member of this Ministerium, & send the collections to the President.
7. --- that the Jubilee of the Reformation in conformity with the Luth. Synod of Pennsylv^a be celebrated on the 31st of Oct^r next.
8. --- That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to the absent Ministers & unrepresented Congregations.
9. --- that a previous notice be given of the celebration of the Jubilee in the public Papers, accompanied by recommendatory remarks of the Presidt. attested by the Secretary in the name of the Synod.
10. --- that the Presidt. be requested to prepare two sermons in the English language on the subject of the Reformation, & cause the same to be printed (1000 copies) at the expense of the Treasury.
11. --- that the Presidt. receive the thanks of the Synod for the appropriate sermon preached by him yesterday morning in the Germ. language, & that he be requested to furnish a copy of it in the English language & have it printed together with the two sermons on the Reformation.
12. --- that the sense of the Luth. Congregg. of this State be taken on or before the 1st day of December next on the subject of applying to the Legislature for extending the privileges of incorporation to the Luth. Church^{es} of this State in the same manner as they are granted to the Episcopal English & Dutch Reformed Churches, & that, if a majority be in favour of such an application to the legislature, an account of it be sent to the Presidt. & that the application be made to the Legislature in the early part of January next, & that the Presidt. together with Rvd. Mrss. Fr. G. Mayer & John Molther as a Committee be requested to draft & present the petition to the Legislature of this State.

13. Resolved, that the Secretary transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to the absent Ministers living in this State, & to those Congregations, who are at present without Ministers, & ascertain their opinion upon that subject.

The Committee of Resolution 4th. reported, that they think Mr. D^d Hendricks Candidate, fit to receive ordination.

14. Resolved, that Mr. D^d Hendricks be ordained to morrow morning at 11 o'clock. ~~in the forenoon.~~

The Principal of Hartwick Academy reported upon the state of the Institution.

15. Resolved, that the Meeting adjourn till to morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The session was closed with prayer by the Secretary.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Molther.

16. Resolved, that the Resolution concerning the day of the celebration of the Jubilee of the Reformation be considered as an amendment to the Resolution on that subject taken in the 21st Synod.
17. Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to write to the Rvd. P. W. Domeier, intimating to him, that his excuse for non appearance is considered by this Synod as invalid.
18. --- that the time & place of the next Synod be left to the discretion of the President.
19. --- that the Meeting adjourn sine die.

After this divine service was held in the English language, at which Candidate D^d Hendricks xxxxxxxxx preached on, after which he received ordination, & the holy Eucharist was administered, in which all the Ministers present partook.

On Monday 31st of August 1818 the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of Newyork convened in Synod in Ebenezer church in the city of Albany, where the following persons were present:

ordained Ministers

The Rvd. Fr. H. Quitman, Presidt., Minister of Rhinebeck & Wurtemberg.

"	"	Aug ^s Wackerhagen, Secry.,	"	Germantown & Livingston
"	"	Fr. G. Mayer, Treasr.	"	Albany
"	"	Ph. F. Mayer -----	"	Philadelphia
"	"	L. Merkel, ---	"	Guilderland & Beaverdam
"	"	John Molther ---	"	Schoharie & Kobleskill
"	"	Peter W. Domeier, ---	"	Ston Arabia & Palatine
"	"	Wm. M ^c Carty, ---	"	Greenbush & Brunswick
"	"	John G. Uhl ---	"	Churchtown
"	"	Fr. C. Schaffer ---	"	Newyork
"	"	Ernst L. Hazelius ---	"	Hartwick
"	"	D ^r Hendricks, ---	"	New Germantown & Co. St. of Newjersey

Candidate: Wm. Teal.

Deputies

George J. Ring for Rhinebeck & Wurtemberg
 Peter Feller " Germantown & Livingston
 Herm^s Henderer, " Albany
 George Snyder " Guilderl. & Beaverdam
 George Salzman " Stonarab. & Palat.
 John Hope --- Minden
 Ad. Files --- Brunswick & Greenb.
 Wm. Dietrich, --- Churchtown
 Fr. C. Havemyer --- Newyork
 John V. Husen & Nich^{ls} V. Loon --- Athens

Rvd. H. Moeller of Sharon & Rvd. John Bachman of Charleston, South Carol. & Rvd. Wm. Starman of Waldeborough, Maine, were excused by letters for their absence.

The Synod having at 10 o'clock a.m. been opened with prayer by the Rvd. Presidt., & the letters & the Minutes of the preceeding Synod being read, it was

Resolved 1. that the Minutes be accepted.

The Secretary read the certificates of appointment produced by the Delegates from Schoharie & Kobleskill & from Athens.

The Presidt. reported, that Resolution 12. of the preceeding Synod had not been carried into execution because it was found, that there was not a majority of Congregations in favour of it.

Mr. John Goodman of Philadelphia was by the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer presented to the Synod as ^{a student of divinity} offering himself for examination.

Mr. George A. Lintner of Stonarabia was by the Rvd. Mr. Domeier presented in the same character & for the same purpose.

Hermanus Bouck, Esqr. of Schoharie handed a paper marked No. 1., which gave an account of certain differences said to exist between the Congreg. at Schoharie & their Minister, which was read, & laid on the table for future consideration.

The Deputies from the Congreg. at Athens handed in a paper marked No. 2., stating a difference in that Congregation, which was read & laid on the table for future consideration.

The Presidt. reported on the condition of Mr. Pfeiffer at Rhinebeck & the state of the funds for his support.

Upon motion it was resolved

2. that the Rvd. Wm. M'Carty & Mr. Havemyer be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The contributions were received & found to amount to \$46.

Upon motion resolved

3. that Rvd. Mrs. Haselius & Wackerhagen be a Committee to examine the students, Mrs. Goodman & Lintner.

4, that a standing Committee of correspondence be appointed to interchange information with the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania upon the state of the sister churches, & that the Secretary & the Rvd. Mr. Schaffer be that Committee.

The Secretary read the paper No. 1. containing an appeal of the Congreg. at Schoharie & Kobleskill to the Synod in the case of their difference with their Minister.

The Secretary read the paper No. 2, from the Congreg. at Athens asking advice from the Synod in the difficulties existing among them.

The Secretary read a paper No. 3. presented by Mr. Herms Henderer & containing a certain resolution offered by that gentleman.

On motion resolved

5. that a Committee be appointed to investigate into the state of the difference between the Rvd. Mr. Molther & his Congreg. at Schoharie & Kobleskill, & to report thereon, & that that Committee consist of the Rvd. Ph. F. Mayer, E. L. Haselius, & Chr. F. Schaffer & Mrs. G. J. Ring & P. Feller.

6. that the affairs of the Congreg. at Athens with regard to the differences stated in paper No. 2. be committed to the management of the Rvd. President.

- 7, that the remaining copies of the sermons of the Rvd. Presidt. composed & printed on the occasion of the 3d. Jubilee of the Reformation ^{by the Presidt. & Secy. gratis} be distributed thro' the Congreg. attached to this Synod. ^{gratis}

- 8, that the meeting adjourn until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The session was closed with prayer.

At 3 o'clock p.m. the Synod assembled again & the session was opened with prayer by the Rvd. Mr. Domeier.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported, upon which resolved

- 9, that the report be accepted.

The Committee on the affairs of Mr. Pfeiffer reported, upon which it was resolved

10. that the report be accepted.

The Committee on the differences between the Rvd. J. Molther & his Congreg. reported, upon which it was resolved

11. that their report be accepted.

Upon motion it was resolved

- 12, that the sum of sixty Dollars from the Treasury of this Synod be appropriated, to enable a travelling Minister under the direction of the Presidt. & Secretary to act as Missionary in vacant Congreg.

13. that an annual collection be made by the Ministers belonging to this Synod in their respective Congreg. for the support

of Missionaries attached to this Synod.

14. that the meeting adjourn till to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Upon which the session was closed with prayer by the Rvd. L. Merkel.

On tuesday a.m. at 9 o'clock the session was opened with prayer by the Rvd. Fr. G. Mayer

~~The-Committee-on-the-examination-of-Mrs.-Goodman-& Lintner-reported~~

Upon motion resolved

- 15, that the Secretary be directed, by letters addressed to the Rvd. J. Molther & the Congreg. at Schoharie & Kobleskill, to admonish both parties, to lay aside all to fulfill the conditions required of them mutual anamosities & henceforth to cultivate peace & good understanding.

- 16, that the next meeting of the Synod be held in the town of Wurtemberg on the first Monday of September 1819.

- 17 that the Synod adjourn.

The session closed with prayer by the Secretary.

In the private meeting of the Ministers the Rvd. Presidt. reported on the examination of the Candidates, Mrs. Goodman & Lintner, upon which it was resolved,

that the report be accepted, & that the Presidt. be authorized to license the Candidates according to our Constitution.

Resolved that the Meeting adjourn.